

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to cancel original claim 26 without prejudice.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

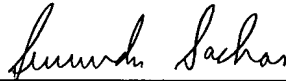
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